

## News Review

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## Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

## FOP Irked as Council Delays Discussion of Employee Raises

by Diane Oberg

One of the most contentious issues at the September 11 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council was one that was not even discussed. Gordon Pracht, a city police officer, rose during petitions and requests to object to council's decision to defer consideration of a 2% across-the-board pay raise for city employees. In other actions, council asked the county school board to transfer some students out of Greenbelt Middle School to reduce overcrowding and approved two new additional commemoration options.

### Pay Increase

Discussion of the proposed increase was put off until the September 25 meeting so that Councilmember Alan Turnbull, who was out of town on business, could participate in the discussion. The delay will not cost city employees any money as both City Manager Michael McLaughlin and the councilmembers made clear that, if approved, the increase would be retroactive to July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

Pracht urged council not to delay any longer. He pointed out

that the Fraternal Order of Police had provided council with information on the city's pay relative to other jurisdictions during the budget discussions this spring. There was no need to delay this item, in Pracht's view, as Turnbull had already "expressed his dissatisfaction with the police department if not city employees in general." This deferral shows council "dragging their feet a bit," Pracht said.

Councilmember Thomas White did not appreciate Pracht's "characterization" of council's position. The issue is much more complex than Pracht indicated, White said. The city's compensation study found that the disparity between Greenbelt's pay scale and that of other jurisdictions varies by position. White said that he does not support the proposed across-the-board increase. Instead, he said, the city should evaluate the study and apply the funds available to the most underpaid positions.

Later in the evening, Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) President Craig Rich distributed a paper summarizing the FOP's view of the salary issue. The item

summarizing that night's meeting asked, the question apparently addressed to Turnbull, "knowing that your opinion can be read into the record, what does a continuance really do for the process?"

The sheet concluded with the statement that "Perhaps the meet and confer method used by the FOP for the last 26 years should be scrapped for collective bargaining with binding arbitration. That way we would not have to continue to be subject to continued delays on top of delays for actions already determined."

This proposed pay increase will be discussed at the September 25 regular council meeting.

### Middle School

In response to a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Education, council approved a letter to the county school board expressing concern about overcrowding at Greenbelt Middle School and asking that some non-Greenbelt students be transferred to Robert Goddard Middle School.

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## Large Group of Children To Leave Local School

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt News Review has learned that the families of a number of students currently attending Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) may be forced to leave their apartments, and the children from the school, by the end of December. The Washington Post reported briefly in July and in more detail this month concerning the residents of Washington Heights Apartments in Landover.

Greenbelters may not be aware that children living in these apartments have been bused to GES for two decades and have become an integral part of the elementary school. The overall effect of this shift of students both on the school and on the students who have to move is currently unknown.

The Washington Heights Apartment complex consists of 287 units whose rents are subsidized under the Section 8 program. Due to a changing and perhaps improving rental market, a number of area apartment complexes have begun to limit or eliminate their participation in Section 8 rentals.

Dave Thomas, property management director for these apartments, has confirmed that all of the units in the Washington Heights Apartments are subsidized and that "everybody is vacating the apartments" by the end of the year. The original date for

vacating was September 30, but this date has been extended to the end of December. These apartments are contiguous to FedEx Field; they border one of the parking lots.

Currently it appears that almost 250 children are bused from this area of Landover to Greenbelt Elementary. A visual review of the addresses from which students are bused to Greenbelt indicates that approximately half of the addresses are townhomes and the other half belong to Washington Heights Apartments. However, data provided by the school system indicates that over 175 of these children live at Washington Heights apartments addresses and may be affected by the forced move.

William Greene, director of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries for the Prince George's County school system, was asked if he was aware of the pending move of a large number of students. Greene indicated that he had read about the apartments in the paper but had no direct knowledge of the effect on students.

He stated that developers of new communities are required to file information on potential students with the county but that the ramifications of a move of this type are often unknown, as the county does not work with rental agents of existing apartments.

## City Man Robbed, Killed by Juveniles

According to MPO George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department, on Tuesday, September 19, at approximately 10:12 p.m., officers responded to a report of a man down in the 5700 block of Greenbelt Metro Drive.

Investigation reveals that the victim was walking from the Greenbelt Metro Station with his wife when they were approached by three suspects. It appears that the suspects robbed or attempted to rob the victim when a struggle ensued, during which time the victim was stabbed by one of the suspects. The suspects fled the scene on foot. The victim, identified as Miguel Angel Teran Encinas, 35, of Greenbelt, was transported to Prince George's General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The following suspects have been arrested and charged with first degree murder and robbery: Andrew Daeyon Savage, 14, of the 6000 block of Springhill Drive, Kareem Olijuwon Jeter, 14, of the 6000 block of Springhill Drive, and Eddie Wilfredo Larosa, 14, of the 7000 block of Greenbrook Drive.

The suspects, who were charged as adults, appeared before a District Court Commissioner, where they were held without bond, and were released to the Department of Corrections in Upper Marlboro.

## To Buy or Not to Buy? Council Ponders Theater

by Diane Oberg

Discussions of whether the city should acquire the theater in Roosevelt Center moved into the public eye at the September 11 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. According to a memorandum by City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the issue was first discussed by council in an executive (closed) worksession in April. At that time, the city manager recommended against acquisition due to the city's tight finances.

In his September 7 memorandum, McLaughlin says that the city "has received some unexpected good news in revenues. Now it appears the city will end FY 2000 with revenues and expenditures about \$300,000 better than estimated. Given this situation, I am much more comfortable in the city's ability to financially handle the acquisition of the theater."

Council unanimously agreed that there should be a public hearing and a worksession on the proposal. Neither meeting has yet been scheduled.

### Behind Closed Doors

Councilmember Edward Putens addressed "the perception that a lot has been going on behind closed doors." He said this was necessary because the city was dealing with an individual's financial situation. Even as

council went public with the issue, however, some of their secretive habits remained. Mayor Judith Davis referred to a letter from theater operator Paul Sanchez that she called "a little disheartening."

Even after McLaughlin confirmed that the letter was not confidential, neither she nor he described the contents, despite calls from the audience to "Read it." Finally, when it was Councilmember Rodney Roberts' turn to speak, he disclosed that the letter contained Sanchez's announcement that he may have to close by November 30. Sanchez has since posted a sign on the theater announcing that the last show could be on November 19.

### McLaughlin's Recommendation

In his memo, McLaughlin says "Acquisition of this building by the city makes sense from a historic preservation standpoint, as well as for the economic viability of the Center. City ownership reduces the need to generate a profit and makes the property tax exempt, meaning that operating cost pressures are less...."

McLaughlin is not recommending that the city operate the theater. While he and City Solicitor Robert Manzi recommend that the city consider acquiring

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## The Bus Service to Expand But Sign Lack Criticized

by Betsy Likowski

County transit officials came before the Greenbelt City Council to tell about a new express bus to NASA. In return, they got an earful of complaints about bus signs. The county operates two bus routes from the Metro station through Greenbelt but councilmembers complained that lack of and poor signs made riding The Bus something of a mystery. The good news is that no changes are planned for existing The Bus routes and the new NASA express route will provide faster service for those who commute to NASA. Council met with the county officials at a worksession on Monday, August 7 and expect the express service to start in about a month.

Prince George's County is building a network of bus routes to serve residential areas in an attempt to add to the service the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority provides along the main corridors. Currently Route 11 serves the Greenbelt Metro station, the Greenbelt federal courthouse, and Beltway Plaza. Route 15 goes from the Metro station down Cherrywood Lane, and Greenbelt Road into the Golden Triangle; then through the core of the city via Southway, Ridge Road, Gardenway, and Crescent Road; and then back out Southway to Greenbelt Road. It then goes through Greenbelt east via Hanover Parkway, Greenbrook Drive, Ora Glen

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## What Goes On

Sat., Sept. 23, 1 p.m. Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Open Forum, Community Center

Mon., Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. Reception for Richard Pilski and Gil Weidenfeld, Municipal Building

8 p.m. Public Hearing on the use of Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Funds followed by Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tue., Sept. 26, 7 p.m. ACE Meeting, Municipal Building

Wed., Sept. 27, 3 p.m. Springhill Lake Neighborhood Improvement Team Meeting, SHL Recreation Center

7:30 p.m. City Council work session on overcrowding of Greenbelt Middle School with School Board Chair, Jim Henderson, Community Center



## Letters

### THANKS

I would like to take another moment to say how honored I feel to have been selected this year as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. I truly believe that it is the highest honor anyone in Greenbelt could ever receive. The people of Greenbelt make it the best!

Leta Mach

### Not Funny

As part of the Labor Day festival, a "pie-eating" contest was held and in the aftermath, this paper printed an article and letter about it that I expect were meant to be humorous.

Am I the only person who finds the whole concept of pie-eating contests wasteful and offensive? In light of statistics that one in three children in the world goes to bed hungry every night, how dare anyone so willfully waste food? If that's not compelling enough, how about our own local food kitchens that might welcome those pies, or the ingredients, or the cash that was spent to make them?

I can already hear the chorus of "lighten up, this is all in good fun" in response to my words. I'm not of a mind to lighten up. The idea of preparing food for the sole purpose of wasting it is beyond me; at best, this is an idea that's time has come and gone. In 2000, people who are fortunate enough to have refrigerators and cupboards full of food should be very grateful and not lose sight of those who don't.

Please re-think the continuation of a pie-eating contest.

Colette Zanin

### Please Show Respect For "Old Glory"

Having just recently moved into "Old" Greenbelt, we would like to express our delight in being part of such a wonderful community. The more we experience our new life style, the more we realize the wisdom of our decision to hopefully spend our remaining years here.

We love the conveniences, the amenities, the friendliness and the diversity of our neighbors and our location.

The Labor Day Festival was a real treat and afforded us the opportunity to learn even more about our town and its people.

There has been, unfortunately, one great disappointment.

During the parade, I noticed the almost complete lack of respect by so many for our nation's flag. Since I was a young child I had been taught to stand, remove my hat and place my hand over my heart, as the flag passed. Is this not taught today? If so, it certainly is not being practiced.

Perhaps this friendly reminder will result in a better showing of patriotism next time.

Meanwhile, thank you Greenbelters for your warm and friendly welcome. We look forward to becoming an integral part of our community.

Bill and Stella Uber

### Peace — Love And Hypocrisy

I thought long and hard before I wrote this letter, usually not one to stir the pot, but I was appalled on Labor Day by the group representing the 50 ft. nuclear missile, and felt that I needed to voice my concerns.

My wife and I arrived at 8:30 Monday morning to get our annual spot on Crescent Road, in front of St. Hugh's, and have our morning McDonalds breakfast with our three small children. We do this every year and our kids look forward to it. My wife has lived in Greenbelt since birth, and has attended nearly every parade, but this one was different. This one we were not able to enjoy because of the hypocrites operating the love/peace missile.

This started when they drove the float down Northway and made a left onto Crescent Road. The older, white-bearded man wearing the old white bicycle helmet directed the driver of the float to "run over them if they don't move." He was referring to my 18-month-old son and me. We were trying to pick up our breakfast and pull up our feet as they pulled the float right up in front of us and only 6-8 inches from the curb. He obviously didn't think I heard him because he refused to discuss the matter with me when I questioned his comment. They parked their 50-ft. float right in front of us, even though the whole street was still vacant. I asked the driver to pull up 15 or 20 feet, as we had positioned our blankets and belongings there 45 minutes beforehand. He reluctantly did so.

During the parade, the thing that shocked me the most was one of their elder members vandalizing cars. There was an older, white-haired lady that seemed to get a kick out of running out into the streets and placing bumper stickers on the back of most cars, including some antique cars that were in the parade. She even put these "Million Mom March" and "Kids and Guns Don't Mix" bumper stickers on the back of police cars. Is there not a law against this? I know that I would not appreciate someone sticking bumper stickers on the back of my car. What kind of message or example was this 65+-year-old lady sending to the children watching her? It's OK to vandalize and deface others'

property, including police cars?

This group has a good cause and a good message. The problem is that some of their members are not practicing what they are preaching. The two elder members of the group threatening to run over children, and putting bumper stickers on unsuspecting cars should be ashamed of themselves. They are true hypocrites. If the Greenbelt police are wondering who is responsible for putting these unwanted stickers on your cars, contact the peace group.

Gary Shank

### Wonderful Festival, Better Smokefree

Kudos to everyone who helped make the Labor Day Festival yet another success despite the weather! This and other events show the world why Greenbelt is truly unique and should be cherished by all. Greenbelt would not be what it is without the hard work by dedicated citizens.

A round of applause should be given to all those who made the weekend a resounding success. The hard-working volunteers deserve all of our gratitude.

For next year, however, my family and I would like to see some restrictions on the smoking in the festival area, particularly by carnival employees. Such smoke keeps those with asthma and cigarette allergies away. Furthermore such smoking in front of numerous children does not set a good model for them.

May I suggest a designated smoking area for those smokers who wish to exercise their right to puff away?

The festival was truly wonderful. Yet it can be even better if we promote it as a healthy environment for our children.

Kelby N. Brick

### THANKS

The Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross express their sincere thanks to all the people who came to donate blood at the Blood Drive at the Greenbelt Community Center on September 11. There were 72 people who presented themselves to donate blood, which broke the previous record of 53 at the blood drive on February 14 this year.

The donated blood is especially welcome at this critical time of blood shortages.

### The Old Curmudgeon



"It'll take a rocket scientist to figure out how to get anywhere!"

Special thanks are given to all the Red Cross personnel for their efficient and professional manner in processing the large number of donors.

The next blood drive in Greenbelt will be held on Monday, November 6, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Appointments to donate blood can be made by calling Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. All are encouraged to donate blood.

Janet Goldberg

### Hunting and Fishing Day at Patuxent

The National Wildlife Visitor Center at the Patuxent Research Refuge will hold a National Hunting and Fishing Day on Sunday, September 24. Activities will include hunting and fishing exhibits, children's activities, tram tours, and live animals.

For information call 301-497-5760, TDD 301-497-5779 or www.patuxent.fws.gov.

### Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Jesse Goldberg-Strassler of Lastner Lane. Jesse won the \$500 Fourth Annual Boxwood Village Scholarship Award. He started his first year at Ithaca College in New York state this month.

### REGISTER TO VOTE

### Learn How Indians Depended on Plants

Discover how Native Americans depended on plants to meet their daily needs. A free informal, drop-in station for all ages will be held September 23 and 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the National Herb Garden at the U.S. National Arboretum.

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Monday, September 25 at 8pm  
City Council Meeting "live"

Tuesday and Thursday September 26 & 28

6:00 p.m. - "Labor Day Parade"

7:30 p.m. - "City Stages-Jim Olson Trio"

8:30 p.m. - Replay of City Council

PUBLIC ACCESS-GATE-301-507-6581

Wednesday and Friday September 27 & 29

7:00 p.m. - "Animation Special"

7:30 p.m. - "Labor Day Festival Highlights"

8:00 p.m. - "Public Safety"

8:30 p.m. - "Labor Day Festival presents "Off Duty"

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OF THE PROGRAMMING ON CHANNEL B-10 CALL  
BEVERLY PALAU AT 301-474-8000



### Sunday Is Goddard Community Day

The NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center will host a "Community Day" on Sunday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special events will be featured throughout the day including bus tours of facilities not normally open to the public. The bus tours will be held 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every half hour starting in front of the Visitor Center.

The Visitor Center Small Auditorium will be the site for children's puppet shows 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Earth and Space Science talks will take place at the Visitor Center Large Auditorium: 10:30 a.m., "The Next Generation Space Telescope" by Dr. Paul H. Geithner; noon, "What We Are Learning at the North and South Poles" by Michael Comberiate; and 1:30 p.m., Demonstration of Earth Imaging Animation by Dr. Fritz Hasler.

There will be continuous demonstrations for children beginning at 10 a.m. on how to make pop rockets, rocket cars, and comets. Hands-on activities include making a volcano and a wind sock. There will also be a model rocket launching from 3 to 4 p.m. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be "Science on the Sidewalk" for children, face painting, food concessions, exhibitor tables and music. The Sky Lancers of Washington Model Aircraft Show team and the Goddard Model Aircraft Club will also participate. Admission is free.

For more information call 301-286-8981. The Visitor Center is located off Soil Conservation Rd., one block north of Greenbelt Road.

### Rain Fails to Deter Runners in Race

Despite a heavy downpour at the start, 111 hearty runners completed the 42nd Annual Larry Noel 15 Kilometer Race on Sunday, September 3. The winner on the men's side was Roberto Martinez of Manassas in a time of 50:57. Kirsten Black of Arlington led the women in a time of 62:09. Six Greenbelt runners who completed the hilly course were Waverly Milor, Don Comis, David Alexander, Colin Thompson, Lee Johnson, and Joe Broderick. Bill and Harry Noel, formerly of Greenbelt and sons of the late Larry Noel, also completed the run.

There was also a 3 kilometer fun run around the lake. In that race, Eddie Nicholson (age 14) of Syracuse, N.Y. was the winner in an outstanding time of 10:18. Hana Kuderna of Odenton led the women in a time of 16:26. Greenbelt finishers were Brenda, Chris, Richard, and Kristan Clement.

**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**  
**Week of September 22**  
**The Exorcist R**  
Fri. (4:45 @ \$4.00) 7:20 9:50  
Sat. (4:45 @ \$4.00) 7:20 9:50  
Sun. (4:45 @ \$4.00) 7:20  
Mon.-Thurs. 7:30  
301-474-9744  
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129 Centerway  
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## Community Events

### At the Library

**Children's Programs:**  
Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.  
Thursday, September 28, 10:15 a.m., Drop-in Story time for ages 3 to 5.  
11:15 a.m., Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

### Volunteer to Help In Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, September 23, thousands of individuals, families, and organizations will gather to help improve the country's largest natural resource — its public lands. Join in to make a difference at Greenbelt Park by participating in this year's Public Lands Day. Volunteers will be spreading chips on the trails and cleaning up the park border. Meet at the ranger station near the campground at 10 a.m. For directions or information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

### Pet Day Is Sept 23

The pet subcommittee of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., will sponsor Pet Day on Sat., Sept. 23 (rain date Sept 24). The gathering will be held on the front lawn of the Greenbelt Community Center, from noon to 4 p.m. The theme will be Embracing Responsible Pet Ownership.

Well-behaved pets on leashes are invited to come and bring their people. There will be fun for all and opportunities to meet and socialize with other pets and pet owners. Representatives from many organizations will attend and bring information. The groups will include PetsMart, New Carrollton Veterinary Hospital, and animal rescue groups (Greyhound Pets of America, Reptile Rescue, Partnership for Animal Welfare, and Rocky's Ferret Rescue). All the rescue groups will have educational and adoption material. Rocky's Ferret Rescue will have care demonstrations and will conduct interviews for ferret adoption. Applications for county licenses and permits for the Greenbelt Dog Park Association will be available. There will be giveaways, courtesy of the Beltway Plaza PetsMart.

### Come Take a Walk In the City's Parks

Take a walk with city horticulturist Bill Phelan and park ranger Chris Cherry through Greenbelt's parks this autumn and learn about the plants, birds and wildlife that thrive in the parks. The walks are free and open to all ages. The next walk is Saturday, September 30 in Schrom Hills Park (meet at the picnic pavilion). The walk starts at 10 a.m. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

### Pilski and Weidenfeld Honored at Reception

The Greenbelt City Council will hold a reception honoring former Mayors Richard R. Pilski and Gil Weidenfeld on Monday, September 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Pilski and Weidenfeld each served over 20 years on the Council. They were inducted into the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Hall of Fame during the MML Convention in Ocean City in June. The public is invited to attend.

### Explore Writing A Family History

On Friday, September 29, at 1 p.m., historian Julie McCullough will be the presenter at "Explorations Unlimited," held at the Greenbelt Community Center. She will be speaking about personal history. Drawing on her own experiences as an oral history interviewer and a personal historian, McCullough will talk about the power of preserving life stories. Writing or recording personal history for children and grandchildren can work magic in bringing generations together.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom. Everyone is welcome, and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

### Voter Registration

In-person voter registration will be conducted at all county Giant Food stores on Saturday, September 30 and October 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will also be held at Motor Vehicle Administration offices in Largo and Beltsville and at all county social service agency locations as well as at the Board of Elections office in Upper Marlboro.

Voter registration books will be open only until 9 p.m., October 13.

### Singers Are Sought For Holiday Concerts

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will begin rehearsing for its Christmas season concerts on Tuesday, September 26, at 7:30 p.m. The choir will rehearse at the Greenbelt Community Church, on the corner of Crescent and Hillside Roads.

All singers are invited to join this community group, which has been performing in Greenbelt since the early 1970s. The ability to read music is helpful but is not compulsory. A desire to sing and enjoy the fellowship of other singers is the only requirement. Attendance at rehearsals is necessary for full and effective participation.

The choir will be singing old and new Christmas music, familiar carols, and less familiar choral works. For further information, call the director, Jean Cook, at 301-345-2597.

### Tutors Needed


The Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA) started again on Saturday, September 16, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. A large number of students showed up, so more tutors would be welcome. The GMA program will continue every Saturday during the school year from 10 a.m. - noon.


Also the Tutoring/Homework Club started Tuesday, September 13, and will continue throughout the school year. Additional tutors for this program are also welcome.

For further information about tutoring please call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

### Amateur Radio Club Starts Training Class

The Central Maryland Amateur Radio Club (CMARC) will conduct an entry-level Amateur Radio training class leading to an FCC Technician class license. Morse Code practice will also be offered (Morse Code is not required for the Technician license). The class will be held Saturday mornings at Doctors Community Hospital starting September 23, and will continue through mid-November. Class will start at 9:30 a.m. with Morse code practice and continue at 10 a.m. with lectures on Amateur Radio Theory and Regulations. While there is no charge for the class, students will be required to provide their own study materials, which cost about \$19. To register, call Jim Tilton at 301-286-9510 (days) or 301-552-0012 (evenings and weekends).

**Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad—Ladies Auxiliary**  
**Invites You to Our Annual Fire Prevention Open House**  
Saturday, October 7, 2000 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**QUOTH SHAKESPEARE THE CAT:**  
**REGULATION 1:**  
No person residing in P.G. County shall own, keep or harbor any dog, cat or ferret over the age of four (4) months unless such animal is licensed and has a current rabies vaccination.  
**WHY:**

- This will keep pets safe from animals that may have rabies;
- This will keep people safe if they are bitten by vaccinated pets;
- This will allow lost or missing animals to be traced to their owners by the ID tag and/or rabies tag that is attached to pets' collars

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GHI PET SUBCOMMITTEE

**The Rosebud Musical Theater Co.**  
*Presents its musical revue*  
**The Joplin Years**  
Music for a New Century  
Prince George's Community College  
Hallam Theatre, Queen Anne Bldg.  
Co-sponsored by the Hallam Theatre Drama Club  
  
Fri., Sept. 22 8:00 pm  
Sun., Sept. 24 2:30 pm  
General Admission \$8, Seniors & students \$6  
Groups of 6 or more \$4 each, Free with PGCC ID  
Tickets available at the door, Group reservations (301) 779-2344

**City of Greenbelt's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Sponsored**  
**Annual Open Forum**  
  
**Sat., September 23, 1:00 - 3:00pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Center Multi-purpose Room**  
**Speak & Be Heard!**  




## Flute and Guitar Duet Featured at Arts Center

by Konrad E. Herling

On Saturday, October 7 at 8 p.m., the Greenbelt Arts Center is the place to be if you have a sensitivity for the environment, respond to a diverse range of music from jazz to classical, and appreciate the dynamic artistry of guitar and flute duet. "Flutar" consists of two outstanding Washington-based artists: flutist, Joseph Culiffe and guitarist, Giorgia Cavallaro, each of whom have for years been successfully active performers and educators. They have been performing as a duo for nearly two decades and have consistently received high critical acclaim in the U.S. and abroad.

The music of Flutar is a remarkably eclectic and deeply moving collection of folk melodies, classical repertoire, New-Age and original compositions, which synthesize the pioneering spirit of these musicians. The Flutar Duo was featured in Chicago at the National Flute Association Convention in August 1997 and performed original music by Giorgia Cavallaro from their latest release "Journey's Crossing."

The artists' deep personal commitment to environmental issues inspired the concept, writing and recording of "Journey's Crossing," which emphasizes the global crisis and threat to wildlife. The music serves as an immediate message to the delicate issues of conservation and preservation. Flutar gave their third concert tour to El Salvador, performing at three universities, at an historic archeological site of Mayan ruins at San Andres, and at the Festival Perminente de Arte y Cultura '98. Flutar was given the title of "Artistic Ambassadors to the United States" by the founder of the festival, Alejandro Cotto and United States Information Service. Flutar featured new music from their current CD "Journey's Crossing." The title track "Tears Goodbye" from their most recent recording was selected by Oasis recording company to be distributed nationwide to hundreds of radio stations on a CD sampler.

Flutar goes beyond the concert hall with an interest in synthesizing global consciousness and awareness for environmental responsibility, an appreciation for the music of diverse cultures and the potential for healing through sound. They are challenged by a deep commitment to integrate

their social consciousness with their respective musical growth and discovery. One may go far and wide to find a community with just such an appreciation for these qualities.

Next week, our article will look at the individual artists, as well as upcoming events featuring Harold Anderson, Greenbelt jazz musician, and Santiago Rodriguez.

### Come Plant a Tree By a Local River

Join the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Anacostia Watershed Society in helping to save the bay by planting trees along the northeast bank of the Anacostia River on Saturday, September 30, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will meet at the Anacostia River Park off Kenilworth Avenue and Decatur Street (follow event signs). Equipment and refreshments will be provided. Forested buffers (areas of trees and other plants along the water's edge) play a crucial role in reducing the pollution caused by erosion. Root systems anchor the soil and keep it from running off and clouding water where it can destroy fish and plant life. Today, only 53 percent of the Chesapeake Bay watershed's 110,000 miles of streams and shorelines are buffered by riparian forests.

Contact Marcy Damon at mdamon@cbf.org or 410-268-8816, ext. 720, to RSVP and for further information.

## Boardwalk Opening At Kenilworth Park

National Capital Parks-East Superintendent John Hale will welcome National Park Service Director Robert G. Stanton to Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, Saturday, September 23. Stanton will be the keynote speaker at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the Kenilworth Marsh Boardwalk at 10 a.m. in historic Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens in Northeast Washington.

The boardwalk is handicapped accessible; visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes. For more information and directions to Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, contact the park directly at 202-426-6905.

## Family Fun Day Held At Lake Artemesia

The entire family is invited to visit Lake Artemesia in College Park on Sunday, September 24.

"Take of the Lake" will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, and will feature a 5K run, a 1K walk, and a variety of free events including arts and crafts, face painting, sports and games, health assessments, class demonstrations, canoe rides, and more.

Registration for the run begins at 8 a.m.; the run will start at 9 a.m. The walk begins at 10 a.m. There is a fee for the run, the walk is free.

For further information, call 301-441-2647.

## Greek Fall Festival Is This Weekend

Why cook this weekend? For those who enjoyed the Greek food during the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church will be holding its Fall Greek Festival on Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. Admission is free and the festival is open all three days from noon to 10 p.m. Favorite Greek food specialties will be featured including gyro and souvlaki sandwiches, grilled lamb, chicken rotisserie, moussaka & pastitsio, spinach & cheese pies, baklava, other Greek pastries, and Greek beer and wines.

The festival features a live band with traditional Greek folk dancing starting at 5 p.m. every evening. There will be a moon bounce, face painting, and other arts and crafts for children. A Greek grocery store, music, books and jewelry are also featured. The church is located at 7101 Cipriano Road just behind K-Mart. Visit the website at [www.sttheodores.org](http://www.sttheodores.org)



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301-262-3285

#### Sunday Services

9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the  
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10 am Education for all ages  
11 am Sung Service

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Jaco B. tenHove  
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Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410

### SUNDAY

Children and Adults

Bible Study

9:30 am

Worship Service

11:00 am

Handicapped accessible

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate

Part Time Ministry

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Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS

Municipal Building  
10 A.M.

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of worship."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings  
Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the  
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## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

101 GREENHILL ROAD  
301-474-4212

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sun. Worship

Wed. Praise and Prayer

Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event

8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"



## Beulahland

Where: Mowatt Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road

Greenbelt, MD

301-474-9410

When: Saturday, September 23

Pot Luck Supper 6:00 P.M.

Service 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, September 24

Service 11:00 A.M.

Free Admission



## Henderson and Council Meet on Overcrowding

by Mary Moien

Prince George's County School Board Chair Jim Henderson will meet with the Greenbelt City Council to discuss the issue of overcrowding at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) brought the issue of overcrowding at the middle school to the council's attention in a recent report on the topic. ACE was assisted in these findings by Ann Harris Davidson, chair of the Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee. Children from Berwyn Heights also attend GMS.

During the summer it appeared that Greenbelt Middle School would open at about 128 percent of capacity, 1,026 students. However, as school opened, the estimate grew to about 150 percent of capacity. That figure includes at least 120 sixth graders who should attend Springhill Lake Elementary. The sixth grade was moved from SHL to GMS a few years ago to alleviate overcrowding at SHL. Now SHL itself is again seriously overcrowded this year.

The city council invited Henderson, who is also Greenbelt's representative on the school board, to meet with them to discuss the overcrowding problem and a possible solution. The solution proposed by ACE involves the shift of some students to nearby middle schools that are less crowded. According to the report, Robert Goddard Middle School is operating at less than 50 percent capacity and is close to neighborhoods from which students are bused to Greenbelt Middle School.

The city seeks a fast solution to the overcrowding problem in order to minimize the disruptions to students who would be affected by a school transfer.



## COUNCIL

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According to information assembled by Greenbelt CARES, Greenbelt Middle School has a capacity of 802 students. Current enrollment is somewhere between 983 and 1,200, depending upon whose data is used. Robert Goddard has a capacity of 1,049 and a projected enrollment of 489, the lowest usage ratio in the county school system.

### Memorialization

Council has long struggled with how to officially commemorate individuals who have made significant contributions to the city. Resolution 774, passed in April 1992, established general criteria for submitting and reviewing nominations for official commemoration but left the nature of the commemoration up to council. The resolution did state that city facilities should only be renamed for individuals who have made "significant and outstanding contributions to the city."

At the September 11 meeting, council introduced a resolution that would establish the planned Wall of Honor in the Community Center as the only option for official city commemoration of individuals.

Later in the meeting, council

approved two new individual commemoration options. Similar to the Adopt-A-Tree program, these programs would not involve official recognition by the city or by council. Instead, they provide an opportunity for individuals and families to commemorate others. The new options are Adopt-A-Bench, and Adopt-A-Brick in Schrom Hills Park. City staff will develop guidelines for future council review for these two programs.

## Alzheimer's Patients Sought for Study

Researchers at the National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health (NIH), seek adults diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease (AD), for a research study. Scientists want to find out if a new experimental drug improves memory and/or slows the progression of the disease.

Adults age 50 to 89 who have a diagnosis of AD but are otherwise in good health may be eligible to take part. Study participants must have a companion who is able to monitor their progress in the study.

The study takes place at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda. There is no charge to take part. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222.

## Beltville Garden Club Invites Public

The Beltville Garden Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail.

Liz Whitmore, a landscape architect who works for Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission, will speak. Her

topic will be the North Carolina Gardens of Pinehurst, Sandhills Community College and Biltmore.

Admission is free and the public is invited. Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. For information call 301-384-2415.



**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**  
**Municipal Building Council Room**  
**September 25, 2000**  
**Reception for Former Mayors**  
**Richard R. Pilski and Gil Weidenfeld**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**8:00 p.m.**

### I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations

*(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [\*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)*

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

- Induction of Richard R. Pilski and Gil Weidenfeld into the Maryland Municipal League's Municipal Officials Hall of Fame

7. Public Hearing - 1999 and 2000 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Funds

8. Petitions and Requests

*(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)*

9. Minutes of Meetings
10. Administrative Reports

- \* 11. Committee Reports

### III. LEGISLATION

12. A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 774 and Establish New Memorial Guidelines for the Purpose of Commemorating and Honoring Individual Citizens Who Have Made Significant Contributions to the City of Greenbelt and to Provide for Their Recognition on the Greenbelt Wall of Honor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption
13. A Resolution to Authorize the Condemnation of Certain Real Property in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, for the Purpose of Providing Property for the Construction of a United States Postal Service Post Office Facility for the Citizens of the City of Greenbelt, 1st Reading

### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

14. Allocation of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds
15. Approval of Use of Reserve for Compensation Study
16. Award of Bid - Springhill Lane Street Improvements - Community Development Block Grant
17. Application for Prince George's County Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Community Development Block Grant Funds
18. Position Description for Museum Curator/Director of Historical Programs
19. 4 Cities Meeting, Berwyn Heights - Agenda Items
- \* 20. National League of Cities - Designation of Voting and Alternate Delegates for December Congress of Cities

### V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink Web site at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)

Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk



## NOTICE: CHANGE IN DATES FOR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE.** On Wednesday, September 27, Council and members of the Advisory Committee on Education will hold a work session with the Honorable James E. Henderson of the Prince George's County Board of Education. 7:30 p.m., Community Center.

**PLAN TO UPGRADE CITY PLAYGROUNDS.** Council's second work session on the playgrounds has been rescheduled to Monday, October 16. The 8:00 p.m. meeting may be preceded by vendors' demonstrations. Watch for further announcements about place and time, or call 301-474-3870 in October.

## Thank You, Greenbelt!

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4101 Woodhaven Ln	56-C Ridge Rd	1-H Plateau Pl	2-P Plateau Pl
13230 Greenmount	6-Z-4 Plateau Pl	8-M Laurel Hill Rd	9-L Southway Rd
2604 Bucklodge Ter	69-E Ridge Rd	4-F Laurel Hill Rd	9-Q Southway Rd
14-E Hillside Rd	17-F Ridge Rd	34-H Ridge Rd	55-M Ridge Rd
55-B Ridge Rd	44-E Ridge Rd	2-J Laurel Hill Rd	57-F Ridge Rd
2-T Laurel Hill Rd	14-U Ridge Rd	2-S Gardenway	13-Y Hillside Rd
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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Armed Robbery

Area of the soccer field to the rear of Greenbelt Middle School, Sept. 13, 6:16 p.m., a male was walking down Breezewood Drive when two other males pulled up next to him in a vehicle and asked if he knew where to buy marijuana. The male said no, and they drove away. A short time later, as he was walking to the basketball court to the rear of the school, he was approached by the same two people, this time on foot. One of them displayed a handgun and demanded his sneakers. After obtaining the shoes, both fled toward Breezewood Drive. The suspects are described as black, 5'7", and 160 lbs., with short black hair and wearing black shoes, blue jean shorts, and a white t-shirt, and black, 5'9", and 200 lbs., with black hair in a bush style and wearing black shoes, camouflage shorts, and a black t-shirt.

7800 block of Hanover Parkway, Sept. 13, 9:16 p.m., a pizza delivery person had just finished making a delivery when he was approached by a man who displayed a semi-automatic handgun and demanded money. After obtaining money from the victim the robber fled. The suspect is described as a black male 16 to 23 years of age, 5'3", and 130 lbs., with black hair and wearing a white t-shirt and gray sweatpants. He was wearing a Halloween-type mask over his face.

7400 block of Greenbelt Road, Sept. 9, 12:10 a.m., a man was walking to his vehicle when he

was approached from behind by three people. As he was getting into his vehicle the people demanded his money and jewelry. After obtaining these, the robbers fled toward the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive. The suspects are described as follows: one black male in his 20s, 6'2", and 200 lbs., wearing blue jeans, a black sweatshirt, and dark tennis shoes; a black male in his 20s, 6'2", and 210 lbs., wearing blue jeans and white tennis shoes; and a black male in his late 20s, 5'10", and 180 lbs., wearing jeans and a dark shirt.

7700 block of Hanover Parkway, Sept. 13, 2:15 p.m., a male student was skipping school and eating lunch at a park bench when a vehicle pulled up nearby. An occupant of the vehicle called the student over and asked where he could buy some marijuana. The student said he didn't know, and the vehicle drove off. A short time later the vehicle returned to the area, and two youths got out of the car. They began to punch the student and demanded money. The student then fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as a white male in his teens, with straight blonde hair and light facial hair, and a black male in his teens, with black hair in a ponytail.

### Driving while Intoxicated

Area of Greenbelt Road and Southway, Sept. 3, 3:45 a.m., a 52-year-old male non-resident was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, driving under the influence, unsafe

lane changing and speeding. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Burglary and Theft

P.K. Liquors in Beltway Plaza Mall, Sept. 9, 6:10 p.m., a man was paying for items and set his cellular telephone down on the counter. Another person picked up the phone and fled with it, along with a second person.

7300 block of Morrison Drive, Sept. 12, 8:42 p.m., a pizza delivery person was attempting to make a delivery when he was approached by two youths, who took two pizzas from him and fled.

9100 block of Edmonston Road, Sept. 13, 7:16 p.m., a boombox-type am/fm cassette radio was taken from an office suite. There was no sign of forced entry.

5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Sept. 14, 8:24 p.m., a green 20" Magna Ripclaw bicycle was stolen. The owner observed it being ridden away by a black male 10 to 11 years of age wearing a red Redskins jersey and grey or tan shorts.

8000 block of Mandan Road, Sept. 14, 10:06 p.m., a delivered package was taken from the doorstep of a residence.

### Trespassing

Springhill Lake Shopping Center, Sept. 12, 8:34 p.m., an officer observed several subjects loitering. As the officer approached, one fled the area on foot. He was located nearby, and investigation revealed that he had been banned from the shopping center. He was released on citation pending trial.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Sept. 14, 12:21 p.m., a 14-year-old male non-resident was observed by an officer loitering during school hours. The youth refused to leave the mall property and was arrested. He was transported back to school,

where he was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Vehicle Crimes

A 1999 four-door Dodge Intrepid reported stolen from Beltway Plaza Mall Aug. 29 was recovered Sept. 10 from the 100 block of 34th Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. There were no arrests.

A 1999 four-door Dodge Intrepid stolen Sept. 12 from the 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive was recovered Sept. 13 by the Prince George's County police department in the area of Benning Road and Southern Avenue in Capitol Heights. One juvenile was arrested.

The following vehicles were also reported stolen: a tan four-door 1987 Honda Accord with Maryland tags FTR 880, Sept. 8, from the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway; a bronze 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass with Maryland tags HKT 254, Sept. 12, from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Ter-

race; and a maroon 1999 Dodge Caravan with Maryland tags 505746M, Sept. 14, from Beltway Plaza Mall.

Vandalisms to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 and 6200 blocks of Springhill Drive, 6200 block of Breezewood Drive, 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, 9100 block of Edmonston Court, unit block of Parkway, Greenway Shopping Center, 7900 block of Mandan Road, 7800 block of Jacobs Drive, and 7700 block of Ora Court.

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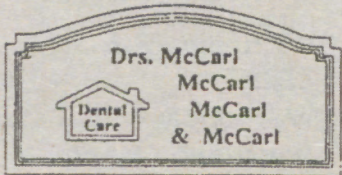
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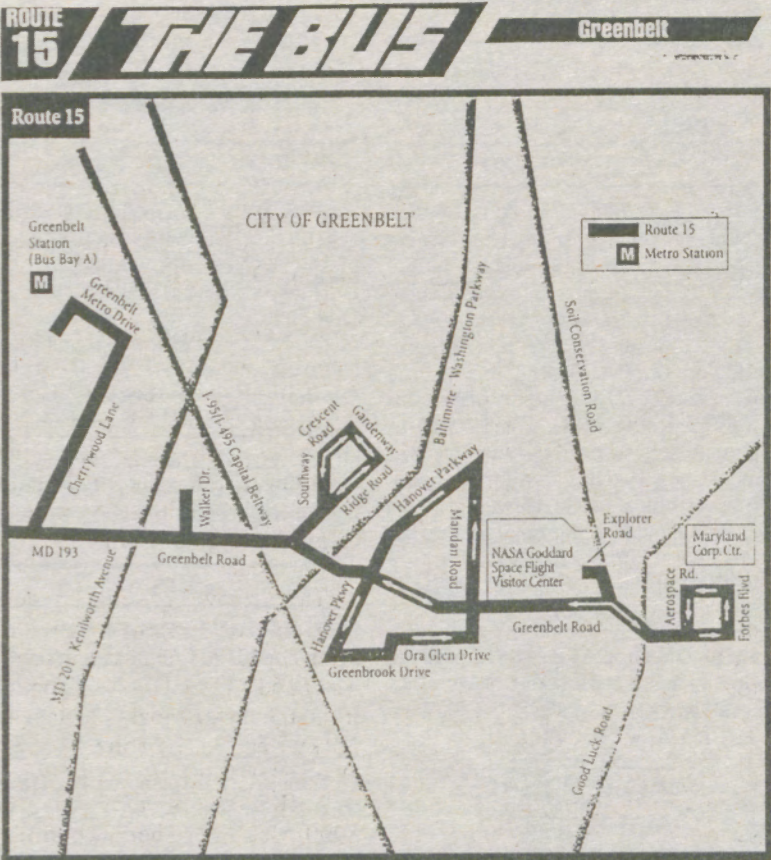
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Drive, Mandan Road, and then to NASA, and the Maryland Corporate Center. It returns to the station on the same route.

The proposed express Route 15 would go from the Greenbelt Metro station, down Greenbelt Road, and into NASA. It would run through NASA and stop at the visitor center and the main gate. Transit officials anticipate it will start next month and slowly increase in ridership. Mayor Judith Davis said that council had asked for an express bus to NASA. "I think it should have been implemented by now," opined councilmember Rodney Roberts. The feeling is that this route, over time will be a success, said Chief of Transit, Office of Transportation James Raszewski. We are "having a slow, but steady increase in ridership on Route 15" he said. Currently it is at 38% of projected ultimate ridership. We are anticipating ten people per hour, said Raszewski. Route 11 ridership is 40% of estimated projections. Ridership numbers are much better on some other routes, explained Chief of Transit Planning, Division of Transit, Franklin Bell. For example the Capital Heights Route 25 is getting 100% of ridership projection. The problem with Route 15, Bell explained, is duplication with existing Metro routes.

Signs

The city council had plenty to say to the county officials about signs and spent the bulk of the meeting doing so. There are no signs at the bus shelter indicating what bus route comes by or at what times it comes by, said Davis. "It's like this big mystery - where is it going and... will I get home" taking this bus?, she continued. Davis said that if she xeroxed the map handed out at



The county bus Route 15 runs from the Greenbelt Metro, through the central part of the city, Greenbelt East, to NASA, and Maryland Corporate Center.

that meeting and stuck it up on the bus shelter it would do more good for riders than anything else, because at least they would know where the bus will eventually go.

Signage is a problem throughout the transit business — Metro has this problem and county has it, said Raszewski. The first priorities are maintenance and drivers and then comes signage. The funds and staff are not there to maintain signs, he said. For example, one little schedule change means all the signs need to be changed.

The signage will come in time, but the county needs to grow the system, said Raszewski. Councilmember Thomas White urged that the county needs to promote ridership. It seems that

with a minimum of expenditure there are things that can be done to make the bus system more rider friendly. White said, for example in Europe there are graphics at the bus stop. The county can not maintain something like that, Raszewski responded. "I think you're missing the bus," said Sheldon Goldberg. Expand more slowly and put more money into signs, think less of putting more machines on the road and more about serving the riders with signs, he continued.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull said he did not think it was a money issue — just drill a couple holes in the concrete at the Greenbelt Metro station and put up a sign. The market is there, he said, it is

just a matter of if only people knew how to ride The Bus, he said. There are placards at some of the major stops throughout the system, said Bell. If the city wants to contribute money for signs Raszewski said he would be willing to accept it.

**Miscellaneous**

Another bus route is planned for Greenbelt — Route 14. County officials plan to later have a worksession with council on this and then a public hearing.

In response to a citizen complaint about The Bus coming

### See Spectacular European Gardens

Don Hyatt, Rhododendron Society member, will share slides from his May trip to some of England's and Ireland's most spectacular private and public gardens. The free program will be held at the National Arboretum on Sept. 24, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

too early, Raszewski said it was a problem the county tries to minimize; it does not happen with any degree of regularity, and that drivers have been dismissed for doing it.



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# PUBLIC HEARING

for

**Monday, September 25, 2000**

**8:00 p.m.**

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED USE

OF RECENTLY AWARDED LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG) FUNDS

The City was recently awarded a combined total of \$64,044 in 1999/2000 LLEBG funding. This amount includes a required 10% matching contribution from the City. The purpose of this hearing is to present to Council the recommendation of the LLEBG Advisory Board, as well as to seek public input into the recommended use of the money.

The LLEBG Program was designed to provide funds to units of local government to underwrite projects that reduce crime and improve public safety. The recommendation of the Police Department and the LLEBG Advisory Board is to allocate these funds for the purchase of computer equipment and software in an effort to further mobile data computing capabilities.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. Greenbelt residents are invited to address Council and present comments and questions.

For special accommodations, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk



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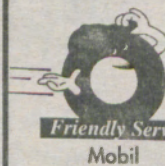
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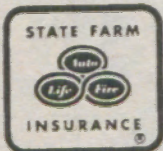
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# THEATER

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the theater, they also recommend that an agreement be worked out with Sanchez or another operator that contains incentives, such as profit-sharing, to make the theater profitable and that the city seek grants to help with renovation costs.

McLaughlin closes his memo with the note that "should the movie operation ultimately fail, I believe the theater can be modified to become a performing arts center and home of the Greenbelt Arts Center."

## Council Comments

Putens said that the city has an opportunity to save a significant portion of Roosevelt Center. If the city were to acquire it, it would become very viable for many organizations, not just the city.

The economics of the offer must be evaluated, Council member Thomas White said. However, "when my barber asks me when is the city going to buy the center, it requires my attention." Councilmember Rodney Roberts inquired "Does he use a straight razor?"

It is not a good idea to have a large part of the center go dark, Davis said, adding that more specific information would be provided at the public hearing.

Roberts declared that he is in favor of acquiring the theater. He said that it would be really foolish to pass up this opportunity. Citizens should come out and dig really deep into the issues, Roberts said.

## Public Comments

Konrad Herling cautioned that if it only looks at the theater, the city will risk making an investment that does not bring back the results council is looking for. Putens replied that even if the city wanted to acquire more than the theater "I can't make you sell me your house."

In order to get good use out of the theater, Dennis Jelalian told council, it needs a curtain, stage lights, and a television projector.

"I'm so excited," Gwen Vacarro, of Pleasant Touch, declared. "This is what the merchants have been talking about for a long time." However, she said that she did not want to see the city become a renter of the theater. She also urged council to recognize the interdependence of the theater and the rest of the center.

## Costs If You Do

Taking over the theater would not be cheap, however. First the city would have to forgive \$150,000 in missed payments and interest on a 1991 special assessment agreement with the current owners, George and Lisa Christacos, plus grant an unspecified reduction in future payments. Then, the city would have to make improvements to the theater. City Supervisory Inspector

James Sterling prepared a "ball park cost estimate" for work that may be required. Some items are needed to resolve property maintenance violations, others are required to permit a change of ownership. (For example, some standards apply to government owned buildings that do not apply to privately owned buildings.) Sterling's estimates for the work he had identified total \$141,500. If, as Sterling believes likely, there is asbestos in the building, there would be additional costs for its removal or containment. The city has not yet had a mechanical contractor in to evaluate the condition of the mechanical equipment nor has it conducted an environmental inspection.

There is also a legal question to be resolved. At present, according to Sterling's May 10 property evaluation report, "It appears...the city cannot purchase just the theater, as its floor plan exists today... The

city may have to purchase the whole fire area the theater is enclosed within, which is still not determined at this time." Sterling said that currently, the entire section of buildings from the dry cleaners to the beauty shop and Pleasant Touch are listed as one building.

Sterling told the News Review that he wrote his report on the assumption that the city would also acquire the area occupied by the dry cleaners.

## Costs If You Don't

There would also be costs to the city if the theater were to close. The city collects approximately \$12,000 in admissions and amusement tax from the business. In addition, McLaughlin noted, the theater helps keep the center economically viable by bringing an evening and weekend presence. Other businesses, such as the New Deal Café and the Beijing restaurant benefit from the customers attracted by the theater.

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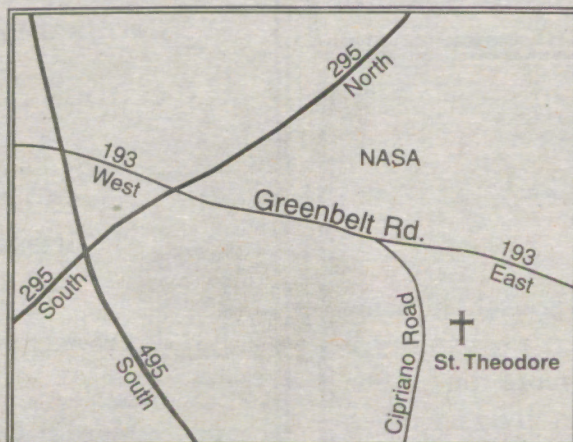
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